

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Jack Hyles,
Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana.

*Whereas, Reverend Hyles was the pastor of First Baptist
Church of Hammond, Indiana for 41 years;*

*Whereas, Reverend Hyles was the founder of Hyles-
Anderson College;*

*Whereas, Jack Hyles was born in Italy, Texas and having
grown up in a poverty-stricken area of Dallas, he graduated
from Eastern Texas Baptist College and attended Southwest
Baptist Seminary;*

*Whereas, before moving to Hammond in 1959, Reverend
Hyles pastored the Miller Road Baptist Church in Garland,
Texas helping that church grow from a membership of 44
people to 4,000.*

*Whereas, Reverend Hyles' sermons were so popular that
by May 1965, they were published in a book entitled "Kisses
of Calvary";*

*Whereas, in the book "Kisses of Calvary", Reverend
Hyles' mother gives the introduction honoring her son saying
that "The Jack she saw grow from boyhood to manhood, was
a person who gave Christ first place in his life ... and always*



had a great love and burden for lost souls."

Whereas, Reverend Hyles' ministry sent buses across Northwest Indiana and the low-income areas of Chicago to a Sunday School that according to a national Christian Life Magazine in the 1970s was one of the largest Sunday Schools in the nation and possibly the world;

Whereas, several thousand pastors looked to Reverend Hyles as a mentor and as a result sent students to the Hyles-Anderson College;

Whereas, Reverend Hyles helped in stabilizing downtown Hammond putting buildings to new uses by setting up various outreach ministries to Spanish-speaking people and the homeless;

Whereas, according to the economic development director for the city of Hammond and First Baptist Church member, Phil Merhalski, Reverend Hyles "...believed in people and saw things (in individuals) other people didn't. He was a caring, loving man."

Whereas, Reverend Hyles was an influence in the worldwide, fundamental movement over the last 45 years; and

Whereas, 15,000 to 20,000 people now attend services every Sunday at First Baptist Church; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:

1 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly honors Reverend Jack
2 Hyles, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana.

3 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
4 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the First Baptist



1 Church of Hammond, Indiana.

